

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: For want of funds.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the nature of the improvements effected on some of the portions of the road?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Some amount of widening and leveling has been done.

Ferry boat at the Kanjirakattu bend in the river Pampa.

54. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they have received a representation dated 25th of Edavam 1112 from the inhabitants of Pandanad east and Pandanad Kottayam karas in Tiruvalla taluk for sanctioning ferry boat at the Kanjirakattu bend in the river Pampa just opposite to the newly opened Government school; and

(b) the action taken on the representation?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT:

(a) Yes.

(b) The Chief Engineer is enquiring into it.

The Aykad Bridge.

55. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which the newly constructed Aykad bridge on the Chengannur-Aranmula road was opened for traffic;

(b) whether they are aware of the two cracks about 5 inches in width on both sides at the southern end of the bridge; and

(c) whether the P. W. D. has taken any steps to avert the danger arising from the defect referred to in part (b)?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT:

(a) 21-6-1937.

(b) The masonry abutment has sunk about $\frac{3}{4}$ " and there are cracks on the main abutment and the pilasters.

(c) Yes.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: What steps have been taken to repair the bridge?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: We are waiting for the floods to subside to do some revetting work to one approach.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: What will be the approximate cost of such work?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: I cannot say until we decide on the exact nature of the work to be done.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know who was the officer responsible for this loss?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: There is no loss. The fact of the matter is that the abutment on one side had sunk about three-fourth inch. It has nothing to do with the bridge actually. The abutment is only a revetment to the approach of the bridge.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know whether the Chief Engineer or the Executive Engineer has inspected the bridge before it was opened for traffic ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : Yes, both had inspected it.

The Pachipara Reservoir.

56. *MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR (Kalkulam cum Vitavankod) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether an Italian Engineer (Signor Omodeo) visited the Pachipara Dam ;

(b) whether he was asked to advise on the question of increasing the supply to and storage capacity of the Reservoir ;

(c) whether he was asked to investigate any supplemental schemes ;

(d) whether he has submitted his report ;

(e) if so, whether any action was taken on the same ; and

(f) whether they will be pleased to place that report on the table ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT :

(a) As Signor Omodeo was ill his partner Signor Marcello inspected the Pachipara Dam.

(b), (c) & (d) Yes.

(e) The report and the Chief Engineer's remarks thereon are under consideration.

(f) The report cannot be made available now.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : May I know the date of the report ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : I claim notice.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : May I know the date on which the Chief Engineer submitted his report ?

PRESIDENT : The honourable member is not bound to answer the question if it is of a confidential nature.

Colachel Pier.

57. *MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether any representation has been made regarding the construction of a Pier in the Colachel Port ; and

(b) whether any and what action has been taken by the Government ?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI :

(a) Yes.

(b) The matter is under consideration.

Malayalam Typewriting Institution at Ambalapuzha.

58. *MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI (Minachil cum Todupuzha) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether any application has been received by the Director of Industries for the recognition of an institution at Ambalapuzha for coaching students in Malayalam Typewriting and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by him ?